UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) April 1, 2009



Cross Country Healthcare, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-33169

(Commission File Number) 13-4066229

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

6551 Park of Commerce Blvd., N.W., Boca Raton, FL 33487

(Address of Principal Executive Office) (Zip Code)

(561) 998-2232

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, If Changed Since Last Report.)

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(c) The Company has appointed Lori Schutte to succeed Carol Westfall as President of Cejka Search. Ms. Schutte held the title of Vice President of Client Services at Cejka Search from January 1, 2005 to March 31, 2009. Prior to that, Ms. Schutte was Director Client Services for Cejka Search from April 5, 2004 to December 31, 2004. Before joining Cejka Search, Ms. Schutte was the Vice President of Mid-America Transplant Services in St. Louis, Missouri. Ms. Schutte received her Masters of Business Administration from the John M. Olin School of Business at Washington University and a Bachelor of Science degree from Saint Louis University. A copy of the press release announcing her appointment is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Description

99.1 Press Release issued by the Company on April 1, 2009

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

CROSS COUNTRY HEALTHCARE, INC.

By: /s/ Emil Hensel

Name: Emil Hensel

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Dated: April 1, 2009

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NEW PRESIDENT OF CEJKA SEARCH APPOINTED

BOCA RATON, Fla. – April 1, 2009 – Cross Country Healthcare, Inc. (Nasdaq: CCRN) announced today that Lori Schutte has been appointed as President of its Cejka Search subsidiary effective today. Schutte has served as Vice President of Client Services of Cejka Search since 2004. She succeeds Carol Westfall who previously announced her retirement in September 2008.

"Lori has played a significant management role in both our Physician and Executive Search business units. Her leadership qualities and resultsoriented style have been and will continue to be key drivers for the growth and success of the Search Division," said Joseph A. Boshart, President and Chief Executive Officer of Cross Country Healthcare, Inc. "Lori has also earned the confidence of our corporate leaders, Cejka Search's senior management team, our staff and our clients. Carol, Lori and others have worked together to create a seamless transition. I have every expectation that Cejka Search, under Lori's leadership, will continue to build on the years of success we have enjoyed under Carol's outstanding stewardship of this business," Mr. Boshart added.

Schutte joined Cejka Search in 2004 as Vice President of Client Services and brings more than 20 years of healthcare and operational experience, including development and implementation of strategic plans, team building, client relationship management and program development. Prior to joining Cejka Search, Schutte was Vice President of Mid-America Transplant Services in St. Louis. During her 15-year tenure there, she managed the development and implementation of organ and tissue donation systems within a hospital setting and is a recognized leader in the organ procurement community. Schutte holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the John M. Olin School of Business at Washington University in St. Louis, and a Bachelor of Science degree from Saint Louis University.

St. Louis-based Cejka Search is a nationally recognized executive and physician search organization providing services exclusively to the healthcare industry for more than 25 years. Partnering with organizations in pursuit of the nation's best healthcare talent, Cejka Search completes assignments across all levels of the healthcare continuum.

Cross Country Healthcare, Inc. is a diversified leader in healthcare staffing services. The Company offers a comprehensive suite of staffing and outsourcing services to the healthcare market, which together include being a leading national provider of nurse and allied staffing services and multi-specialty physician staffing services; a provider of clinical trials services to global pharmaceutical and biotechnology customers; and a provider of other human capital management services focused on healthcare. The Company has more than 5,000 contracts with hospitals and healthcare facilities, pharmaceutical and biotechnology customers, and other healthcare organizations. Copies of this and other news releases as well as additional information about Cross Country Healthcare can be obtained online at www.crosscountryhealthcare.com. Shareholders and prospective investors can also re gister at the corporate website to automatically receive the Company's press releases, SEC filings and other notices by e-mail.

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6551 Park of Commerce Blvd., Boca Raton, FL 33487 Tel: (800) 347-2264 Fax: (561) 998-8533 www.crosscountry.com In addition to historical information, this press release contains statements relating to our future results (including certain projections and business trends) that are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and are subject to the "safe harbor" created by those sections. Forward-looking statements consist of statements that are predictive in nature, depend upon or refer to future events. Words such as "expects", "anticipates", "intends", "plans", "believes", "estimates", "suggests", "seeks", "will" and variations of such words and similar expressions intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results and performance to be materially different from any future results or performance expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These factors include, without limitation, the following: our ability to attract and retain qualified nurses, physicians and other healthcare personnel, costs and availability of shorterm housing for our travel nurses and physicians, demand for the healthcare services we provide, both nationally and in the regions in which we operate, the functioning of our information systems, the effect of existing or future government regulation and federal and state legislative and enforcement initiatives on our business, our clients' ability to pay us for our services, our ability to successfully implement our acquisition and development strategies, the effect of liabilities and other claims asserted against us, the effect of competition in the markets we serve, our ability to successful the Company, its subsidiaries, and its officers and directors on the merits of any lawsuit or determine its potential liability, if any, and other factors set forth in Item 1A. "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form

Although we believe that these statements are based upon reasonable assumptions, we cannot guarantee future results and readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which reflect management's opinions only as of the date of this press release. There can be no assurance that (i) we have correctly measured or identified all of the factors affecting our business or the extent of these factors' likely impact, (ii) the available information with respect to these factors on which such analysis is based is complete or accurate, (iii) such analysis is correct or (iv) our strategy, which is based in part on this analysis, will be successful. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements. All references to "we," "us," "our," or "Cross Country" in this press release mean Cross C ountry Healthcare, Inc., its subsidiaries and affiliates.

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